

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – May 2, 2006

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

Have you signed up for any of the upcoming events? If not, please hurry before the deadlines pass! With the family event this weekend and the business seminar on immigration and mixer next week, there is something for everyone.

And, don't forget the upcoming JASCO Golf Outing – our biggest fundraising event of the year – where you can network while you golf *and* support the ongoing educational and cultural programming initiatives that JASCO offers the Central Ohio community.

Time is running out, so don't delay! We look forward to seeing you soon!

- JASCO Staff

This Week / Next Week – These events are happening soon, so don't miss out on them!

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1. Lecture: OSU College of Humanities Spring Forum at OSU's Hagerty Hall, Room 180 – Friday, May 5, 4:00 p.m.

Attend a discussion with representatives of the media from geographically diverse areas of the world to gain an understanding of how the U.S. is portrayed in the media (both print and broadcast) of other countries and conversely, how these countries and cultures are portrayed in the U.S. media. Mr. Takashi Sakamoto, Washington correspondent for the *Yomiuri Shimbun*, will be a featured panelist. For more information, please see <http://humanities.osu.edu/news/forums/> and RSVP for it by e-mailing Melissa Soave at soave.2@osu.edu.

2. JASCO Family Outing: Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day) at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium – Sunday, May 7, 12:00 p.m.

It's going to be a "roaring good time" at this potluck picnic in celebration of Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day) at the Wildside Shelter at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Zoo admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$6 for children ages 2-11 and free for children under 2. Event fees are free for JASCO members and their families and \$5 for non-members (per family.) Parking is \$3. For more information on this event, please see http://jasco.osu.edu/pdf/2006/kodomo_no_hi.pdf and RSVP for it by calling 614-292-4002 or e-mailing jasco@osu.edu. Please RSVP for this event by Thursday, May 4.

3. JASCO Business Seminar Series: Immigration for Japanese Companies at Columbus Chamber of Commerce – Thursday, May 11, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for presentations on issues affecting immigration, such as business visa processes for Japanese nationals, reform legislation, and security challenges. This event features speakers from Squires Sanders and Dempsey, LLP and Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP. Special guest Cheryl Gallegos of the Department of Homeland Security will also be present to answer questions regarding U.S. citizenship and immigration. This event is free and open to the public. Japanese interpreting is offered. For more information on this event, please visit <http://jasco.osu.edu/pdf/2006/immigration.pdf>. To RSVP for this event, please call 614-292-4002 or e-mail us at jasco@osu.edu by May 8.

4. JASCO Mixer at Mad Mex Restaurant – Thursday, May 11, 6:00 p.m. (please note the change in time)

It's a belated Cinco de Mayo (Mexican Independence Day) celebration for this month's JASCO mixer at Mad Mex Restaurant in the new South Campus Gateway. Enjoy some margaritas, nachos and other Mexican favorites at this trendy new restaurant while exchanging experiences

and ideas at this great networking event. Please RSVP for this event by Tuesday, May 9, by calling 614-292-4002 or e-mailing jasco@osu.edu.

5. Educational Seminar: Foreign Language Career Night at OSU's Hagerty Hall, Courtyard and Room 180 – Thursday, May 11, 6:00 p.m.

Meet and network with potential employers and learn what career possibilities exist for those with foreign language skills. Then, listen to a panel of foreign language experts discuss their own experiences and how foreign language helped them along their career paths. For more information, please see http://japan.osu.edu/events/pdfs/2006/career_night.pdf.

6. Business Seminar: Briefings on Major Ohio Tax Changes at Columbus Marriott North – Friday, May 12, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Learn the latest developments regarding Ohio business taxes, the phase-out of the tangible personal property tax and corporation franchise tax and gain valuable insights into the lessons learned from the first wave of returns from CAT. Organized by the Manufacturers' Education Council, this event costs \$295 per person to attend. CEUs are awarded. For more information or to register for this seminar, please visit www.mecseminars.com.

7. Performance: Hanamizuki no Kai (Japanese Women's Chorus Concert) at the Church of the Redeemer – Sunday, May 21, 6:00 p.m.

Hanamizuki no Kai will perform a selection of traditional, children's and popular Japanese songs at the Church of the Redeemer in Dublin. Admission to this event is free.

8. JASCO Eighth Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser at the Golf Club of Dublin – Wednesday, May 24, 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a day of golf, networking and fun to support JASCO's ongoing educational and cultural programming for the Central Ohio community. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please visit <http://jasco.osu.edu/golf/2006flyerbooklet.pdf>.

9. Lecture: Yukari Hirata's "Incorporating phonetics research into second language teaching and learning" at OSU's Hagerty Hall, Room 045 – Thursday, May 25, 4:30 p.m.

Join Colgate University's Yukari Hirata in a presentation and discussion on how findings from phonetics studies can be useful for improving teaching and learning of a second language. Her talk will focus on issues regarding foreign accent and native English speakers' difficulty in perceiving Japanese moras. For more information, please see <http://japan.osu.edu/ijs-lectures/hirata052506.pdf>

10. Local Cultural Event: Japanese Garden Pruning at Dawes Arboretum – Saturday, May 27, 8:30 a.m.

Let the Japanese Garden curator at Dawes Arboretum guide you through pruning techniques used in Japanese gardens. Admission to this event is \$15 for general public and \$10 for Arboretum members. A reservation is required. For more information and to RSVP for this event, please call 800-443-2937.

11. Festival: 11th Annual Asian Festival at Franklin Park – Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28

From art exhibits to martial arts demonstrations, the Asian Festival demonstrates the cultural diversity and flavors of the various Asian communities in Central Ohio. Free admission, parking and shuttle. For more information, please visit <http://www.asian-festival.org>.

12. Local Cultural Event: Japanese Motorcycle Saturday at The Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum – Saturday, June 3, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Devotees of Japanese motorcycles are invited to attend the Museum's inaugural Japanese Motorcycle Saturday, presented by the Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club. Enjoy bike shows, special guests, food and more. Admission is \$10 and includes full access to all Museum exhibits. For more information about the event, contact the Museum at 614-856-2222.

13. Local Cultural Event: 26th Ohio Regional Bonsai Show at Dawes Arboretum – Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11

Experience the art of bonsai and view more than 100 bonsai specimens at this annual show. For more information, please visit the Arboretum's site at <http://www.dawesarb.org/events/special-events-public.asp>.

14. JASCO Family Outing: Tanabata and Fourth of July Picnic at Highbanks Metropark – Sunday, July 9, 12:00 p.m.

Come and see stars at this potluck picnic celebration of Tanabata (Festival of the Stars) and Fourth of July at the North Shelter at Highbanks Metropark in Lewis Center. Event fees are free for JASCO members and their families, and \$5 for non-members (per family.)

15. JASCO Family Outing: Bon Odori Lunch at St. Stephens Episcopal Church – Sunday, August 6, 12:00 p.m.

Join us for some traditional Japanese dance as we celebrate the ancient Buddhist holiday of Bon Odori, also known as the "Festival of the Dead," to honor our ancestors from both Japan and America. Event fees are free for JASCO members and their families, and \$5 for non-members (per family.)

16. JASCO Family Outing: Fall Foliage at Dawes Arboretum – Sunday, October 8, 12:00 p.m.

The autumn is a beautiful time in Central Ohio and what better way to celebrate it than to view it with your family and friends at Dawes Arboretum in Newark? Walk around the grounds, hitch a ride on a wagon or just enjoy a serene moment by yourself under the trees – all after enjoying the potluck feast! The event is free for JASCO members and their families and \$5 for non-members (per family.)

17. Summary of 5th International Symposium of America-Japan Societies in Kyoto

Close to 500 people took part in at least a portion of this highly successful two-day symposium held April 21 and 22, including over 90 people from the U.S. Eleven Japan-America Societies (U.S) were represented by Board members, chief administrative officers and staff. An equal number of America-Japan Societies (Japan) were represented. On the morning of first day, representatives from Societies in both countries got together for a joint session of presentations and discussion. The program for the two-day symposium is available on the NAJAS website at <http://www.us-japan.org>.

18. JASCO seeks sponsors for JASCO Monthly Mixers, Family Events

Is your company interested in reaching out to other companies and telling them more about what you do? Then, become a sponsor of the monthly JASCO Mixers or one of our JASCO Family Events and captivate the audience with your story, products and services. Sponsors receive exclusive speaking and advertising of their companies at the events, advertisement in the JASCO eNewsletters for the month prior to the event and advertisement on JASCO's website. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jennifer McCoy Bartko at 614-292-4002 or jasco@osu.edu.

19. JASCO Japanese Language Speech Contest finalist, Marisol Cerda, chosen to participate in national speech competition in Los Angeles

In March 2006, Marisol Cerda, a senior from Sycamore High School in Cincinnati, won the high-school level, first-place prize in the annual JASCO Japanese Language Speech Contest for her speech titled, “雨降って地固る” (*English translation: The Ground Becomes Solid after Rain.*) Her winning qualified her for the Aurora Foundation's National Japanese Language Speech Contest in Los Angeles later this month. Ms. Cerda will represent Ohio as one of only 15 students nationwide to be chosen to participate in this national competition, where contestants will compete for a \$500 scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to Japan in July. Originally from Venezuela, Ms. Cerda first had to learn English when she moved to the United States and is now studying Japanese under the guidance of her high school teacher, Chikako Pierson. Congratulations on all your hard work and *ganbatte*, Cerda-san!

20. WABE 90.1 FM celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with Crossing East programming on Tuesdays, May 2 – June 20, at 7:00 p.m.

In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, WABE 90.1 FM will air the Crossing East programming – eight, one-hour documentaries on the many waves of Asian immigration into the United States and their impact on the making of America. Hosted by George Takei and Margaret Cho, the first public radio series on Asian history will run for the next eight weeks, airing on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For more information on these documentaries, please visit <http://www.crossingeast.org>.

21. AFS seeks host families for 150 international high-school students to be placed in Ohio

AFS, an international, non-profit organization that provides intercultural learning opportunities, is seeking families in Ohio to host 150 high-school age students from around the world for one year. Students will arrive in August 2006 and will live with their host families until late June 2007, attending their local schools and assimilating into American culture. The students come from all over the world, but several of them will be coming from Japan. If your family is interested in hosting an AFS student for a year, please visit <http://www.afs.org/AFSI/content/page.php?uid=19> to learn more about being a host family, and contact us at 614-292-4002 or jasco@osu.edu to receive contact information for a local AFS volunteer who can assist you in your application!

22. Japan-related job listings on IJS website

New jobs have been added to the website, so check them out if you're looking for a new opportunity! <http://japan.osu.edu/jobs.php>

If you know of any Japan-related programs that may be of interest to JASCO members, please send the information to jasco@osu.edu to be included in an upcoming JASCO Pulse and added to our calendar. Also, please forward this message onto others who may be interested in its contents.

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